

SUBJECT: Gratuities	NUMBER: 1-13.01
EFFECTIVE DATE:	REVIEW DATE:
NMMLEPSC STANDARDS: None	APPROVED: Sheriff

I. POLICY

Personnel of the Valencia County Sheriff's Department must always provide equal and honest effort to provide law enforcement services to the public we serve. Members cannot receive private or special advantage from their official status that could be interpreted as seeking the member to refrain from performing official responsibilities honestly and within the law.

II. RULES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Personnel shall not solicit or accept, either for themselves or others, gifts, gratuities, or compensation for services performed in the line of duty other than that paid by Valencia County or authorized by the Sheriff.
- B. Personnel shall not solicit or accept personal gifts, gratuities or special considerations on duty or off duty when there may be a perception that acceptance places personnel in a position of future indebtedness which may be satisfied by official consideration.
- C. Establishments, which, through their own policy, provide food, beverages, or services at a lesser rate, shall not be given any special treatment or consideration but will receive police services the same as any other establishment.
- D. The department does not endorse personnel accepting any items free or at a discounted rate that is not available to the general public.
- E. Shopping on or off duty, while in uniform, is discouraged as it may invite special consideration on the part of the merchant.